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SUPER-GRADES: Upwards of 250 of the top pay jobs in Government face the ax. They are "super-grade" jobs in Grades 16, 17 and 18 and they paid from \$12,000 to \$14,800. Only Cabinet jobs have a higher pay scale. This is the story on the special group:

In the Defense Production Act, Congress authorized the creation of an unlimited number of super-grade jobs to help speed up the Nation's defenses. Nevertheless, former President Truman decreed that only 300 such jobs could be filled and not more than 50 of them could be in Grade 18. An estimated 250 are now filled.

The price and wage features of the Defense Production Act expire April 30, and there are some who say with them will be the authority of the emergency economic agencies to have super-grade employees. Others argue that the authority for the top jobs will expire only for OPS, WSB and similar agencies but will be continued through June 30 for NPA, ODM and others. The lawyers will have to decide that one.

Besides the emergency units, any number of the old-line agencies like Interior, Labor, Agriculture, Commerce, etc., also have super-grade jobs that are faced with abolition. Jobs financed under the Defense Production Act.